

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-23 are cancelled. Claims 24-45 are added.

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1                   24. (New) A system in a supply chain network, the system  
2 comprising:  
3                   one or more site data appliances comprising one or more types of data source  
4                   equipment, the one or more site data appliances using a protocol to collect  
5                   specification information, including event information, from the one or  
6                   more types of data source equipment;  
7                   one or more site servers coupled to one or more site data appliances to gather the  
8                   specification information from the one or more site data appliances; and  
9                   a data center coupled to the one or more site servers to generate a mapping of the  
10                  event information to event handlers for execution in response to an event.

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1                   25. (New) The system of claim 24, wherein the data center sends the  
2 mapping of the event information to the one or more site servers.

1                   26. (New) The system of claim 24, wherein the one or more site  
2 servers generate a Description Document, comprising the specification information of the  
3 one or more types of data source equipment, using extensible markup language (XML).

1                   27. (New) The system of claim 26, further comprising a portable  
2 device coupled with the one or more site servers to access an instance of the Description  
3 Document.

1                   28. (New) The system of claim 24, wherein the specification  
2 information further comprises method and property information.

1                   29. (New) The system of claim 28, wherein a dotted notation is used  
2 to identify the event, method and property information.

1 30. (New) The system of claim 24, wherein communications between  
2 the one or more types of data source equipment, the one or more site data appliances and  
3 the one or more site servers utilize the Universal Data Appliance Protocol (UDAP).

1 31. (New) A method in a supply chain network, the method  
2 comprising the steps of:  
3 collecting specification information, including event information, from one or  
4 more types of data source equipment at one or more site data  
5 appliances using a protocol;  
6 gathering the specification information from the one or more site data  
7 appliances at one or more site servers; and  
8 mapping the event information of the one ore more data appliances to event  
9 handlers for execution in response to an event.

1 32. (New) The method of claim 31, further comprising the step of  
2 sending the mapping of the event information to the one or more site servers.

1 33. (New) The method of claim 31, further comprising the step of  
2 generating a Description Document comprising the specification information of the one  
3 or more data source equipment, using extensible markup language (XML).

1 34. (New) The method of claim 33, further comprising accessing an  
2 instance of the Description Document with a portable device.

1 35. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the specification  
2 information further comprises method and property information.

1 36. (New) The system of claim 35, further comprising the step of  
2 using a dotted notation to identify the event, method and property information.

1 37. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the step of collecting  
2 specification information and gathering the specification information utilizes the  
3 Universal Data Appliance Protocol (UDAP).

1 38. (New) A method in a supply chain network, comprising:  
2 creating a Description Document comprising specification information from  
3 one or more types of data source equipment using extensible markup  
4 language (XML), the specification information comprising  
5 information about events that each of the one or more types of data  
6 source equipment is capable of generating;  
7 sending the Description Document to a data center, wherein the data center  
8 maps events with event handlers to create a dispatch table; and  
9 sending the dispatch table to a site server associated with the one or more  
10 types of data source equipments; and  
11 executing an event handler responsive to receiving an event generated by the  
12 one or more types of data source equipment.

1 39. (New) A computer program product, comprising:  
2 a computer-readable medium having computer program logic embodied  
3 therein for, in a supply chain network:  
4 collecting specification information, including event information, from  
5 one or more types of data source equipment at one or more site  
6 data appliances using a protocol;  
7 gathering the specification information from the one or more site data  
8 appliances at one or more site servers; and  
9 mapping the event information of the one or more data appliances to  
10 event handlers for execution in response to an event.

1 40. (New) The computer program product of claim 39, further  
2 comprising the step of sending the mapping of the event information to the one or more  
3 site servers.

1 41. (New) The computer program product of claim 39, further  
2 comprising the step of generating a Description Document comprising the specification  
3 information of the one or more types of data source equipment, using extensible markup  
4 language (XML).

1 42. (New) The computer program product of claim 41, further  
2 comprising accessing an instance of the Description Document with a portable device.

1 43. (New) The computer program product of claim 39, wherein the  
2 specification information further comprises method and property information.

1 44. (New) The computer program product of claim 43, further  
2 comprising the step of using a dotted notation to identify the event, method and property  
3 information.

1 45. (New) The computer program product of claim 39, wherein the  
2 step of collecting specification information and gathering the specification information  
3 utilizes the Universal Data Appliance Protocol (UDAP).

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